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increase the same by curtailing the Budget expenditure under (1) grants to private schools, (2) grants to medical institutions including Vydiasalas, (3) grants to Town Improvement Committees, (4) expenditure under construction and maintenance of village roads, canals and irrigation works, and (5) cost of the Sanitary and the Vaccination Departments. The funds so raised might, in the opinion of the Member, be further increased by voluntary contributions, local cesses and income from cattle pounds and fisheries.

Proceeding next to consider the advantages that would be derived from the measure, he said that the most important of them were a healthy co-operation between the rulers and the ruled, facilities for local improvements, an impartial distribution of the Government favours to every nook and corner of the State, the advancement of the material resources of the country, a greater stimulus to make voluntary contributions and the development of a spirit of self-help among the people.

In conclusion, the Member said that the proposal of the late Dewan, Mr. Ramiengar, was in the nature of a promise, which still remained a dead letter, that now that the Revenue Settlement of the State was completed and taxes were being realized at the new rates, it was time to work up the proposal into an actuality, that other Governments like those of Mysore and Cochin had already advocated the policy underlying the proposal, and that Travancore was ripe for the introduction of the measure. He therefore requested that the Government be pleased to bestow their prompt and serious attention to the subject.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

4. The scarcity of small coins in the town of Kottayam.

Mr. C. I. Chandu (Member, Trading Classes, Kottayam) observed that the prosperity of trade and the efficiency of exchange were closely related, that the life of trade and exchange was the ease and confidence with which coins were taken in lieu of commodities, that the diffidence in any Government coin and its scarcity in the land of its jurisdiction cut at the root of public confidence in the efficiency and sympathy of the administration and that, at a time when the people enjoyed all the benefits of civilized life, easy communication and universal interdependence, the coin difficulty had permeated throughout the nooks and corners of the country, causing indescribable hardships to travellers, merchants and labourers and also to all consumers generally. The Member pointed out that the public could hardly spend a day without plenty of coin, especially small coins, and the attempt of the Government to supply copper coins to the town of Kottayam was thwarted to a very large extent by certain underdealers who made a bargain out of it. The presence of false silver coins and the cruelty with which they were defaced by the Sirkar treasuries when presented had also caused very great difficulties to the people everywhere in Travancore.

He therefore requested that the Government might be pleased to supply the two bankers in the town of Kottayam with copper exchange for two or three thousand rupees weekly, for a few months, on their application for such exchange, so that they might be enabled to circulate the cash exchange without discount through all the mercantile business

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houses. He prayed that the experiment be tried for a few months in Kottayam.

Dewan's reply.—An enquiry will be made as to the insufficiency of copper coins in Kottayam.

5. The need for a Sub-Treasury at Kayankulam.

Mr. A. Krishna Pillai (Member, Trading Classes, Kayankulam) dwelt upon the advantages the Nair community had derived and would derive from the introduction of the Nair Regulation and thanked the Government and the Dewan for the same.

Coming to the subject, he stated that, formerly, there was a sub-treasury at Kayankulam, which was abolished in the recent re-organisation, and that the people of the place were now put to very great inconveniences for want of a treasury at Kayankulam. He prayed for its re-establishment on the following grounds :—

(1) The local Government offices, such as the Munsiff's Court, Magistrate's Court, Excise Circle office, two Sub-Registrar's offices (including the one at Krishnapuram), three Anchal offices, Post and Telegraph offices, Police Circle Inspector's office, Agricultural Special Officer's office, Timber depot &c., found it difficult to remit and draw money every day. All that had now to be done at one or other of the treasuries of Kartikappalli, Karunagappalli and Mavelikara, at a distance of 8, 7 and 10 miles respectively.

(2) Instances were not wanting where the money carried by the peons for remitting into the treasuries was actually snatched away from them at the place known as Vavvakad or the way from Krishnapuram to Karunagappalli.

(3) The people of Kayankulam, particularly the trading classes, underwent great difficulties in regard to their dealings with the Government ; for example, a man had now to spend three full days to purchase timber from the Timber depot at Kayankulam, and at least two days for remittances in connection with civil suits.

(4) The money procured by the Kayankulam merchants for their goods sold at Alleppey could be remitted into the local major treasury and a cheque issued in favour of the proposed Kayankulam sub-treasury. That would be advantageous to the Government as the conveyance charges on the amount so remitted into the major treasury would be saved to them and there was also the security to the traders against the danger of their money being robbed on the way from Alleppey to Kayankulam.

Dewan's reply.—The Dewan Peishkar will be asked to enquire carefully into and report on the need for a sub-treasury at Kayankulam.

II.—Main Heads of Revenue.

(1) LAND REVENUE.

6. The desirability of altering the present order of the Government regarding the institution of civil suits in respect of Kandukrishni lands.

Mr. M. Raman Pillai (Member, Neyyattinkara taluk) observed that the subject was one which had been brought forward at the previous sessions of the Assembly, but as the Government had not given complete relief yet, he was forced